



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5543

House of Representatives, March 30, 2016

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health
- 2 shall meet with members of the Connecticut Medicaid home health
- 3 legislative work group, including representatives of the Connecticut
- 4 Association for Healthcare at Home, to review and discuss potential
- 5 changes to the Department of Public Health's regulations concerning
- 6 home health care. Not later than January 1, 2017, the commissioner and
- 7 the workgroup shall jointly report, in accordance with the provisions
- 8 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees
- 9 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
- 10 public health and human services on the results of their discussions.
- 11 Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, recommendations
- 12 for changes to the department's home health care regulations and a
- 13 timeline for amending such regulations to implement the
- 14 recommended changes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Commissioner of Public Health to meet with the Connecticut Medicaid home health legislative work group to discuss potential changes to the Department's home care regulations and report to various committees on the results, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state, or municipalities. It is anticipated that the work group has the expertise necessary to complete this task.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

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